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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PLANS FOR MORE WEST BANK AUTONOMY

SUMMARY: ISRAELIS ARE STILL PURSUING PLANS TO PUT SOME ASPECTS OF WEST BANK ADMINISTRATION MORE INTO HANDS OF LOCAL ARABS. WEST BANKERS TEND TO SUSPECT LONG-HAUL SCHEME TO PERPETUATE OCCUPATION. END SUMMARY

1. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (JERUSALEM 213) THAT DAYAN HAD DISCUSSED WITH WEST BANK NOTABLES LAST JANUARY SOME SCHEME FOR MORE ARAB SELF-GOVERNMENT ON WEST BANK. DURING RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DAVID FARHI, AT THAT TIME POLITICAL ADVISER TO WEST BANK MILITARY GOVERNOR, WE ASKED WHAT ISRAELIS HAD HAD IN MIND. FARHI SAID DAYAN HAD INTENDED SINCE BEFORE OCTOBER WAR (THIS WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING ALSO) TO TURN MORE WEST BANK ADMINISTRATION OVER TO LOCAL ARABS, PARTICULARLY IN TECHNICAL AREAS. AFTER WAR HE DECIDED AS FIRST STEP TO APPOINT ARAB DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION FOR ENTIRE WEST BANK. CONVERSATIONS IN JANUARY CONSTITUTED ATTEMPT TO SOUND OUT LEADING ARABS AND PREPARE THE WAY. FARHI WAS VAGUE ABOUT RESULTS BUT WE INFERRED THEY WERE NOT ENCOURAGING, WHICH WE HAD HEARD AT  
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TIME FROM ARABS.

2. FARHI SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PROJECT HAD GONE FORWARD AND THAT A LOCAL ARAB WAS NOW PONDERING APPROACH HE HAD RECEIVED TO TAKE THE JOB.

3. FARHI ALSO SAID, AND WE HEARD THIS ELSEWHERE TOO, THAT DAYAN SEEMED TO HAVE IN HIS OWN MIND SOME LARGER SCHEME. NONE OF HIS ADVISERS KNEW WHAT IT WAS, HOWEVER, AND FELT THAT IT WAS STILL UNFORMED CONCEPT.

4. COMMENT: FROM WHAT WE HEAR FROM ARAB CONTACTS, ANY ARAB WHO TOOK SUCH A POSITION IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE CRITICIZED AS QUISLING, THOUGH SINGLE APPOINTMENT IN EDUCATION FIELD MIGHT NOT ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION. THERE IS SUSPICION AMONG ARABS THAT PLANS OF THIS SORT (WHICH RECEIVED PUBLICITY SOME TIME AG AS "DAYAN PLAN") CONSTITUTE SCHEME TO CREATE LONG-HAUL WEST BANK CIVIL ADMINISTRATION UNDER CONTINUING ISRAELI SECURITY CONTROL.  
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